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## **Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group**

**MINUTES**  
June 24, 2009

The JJAG held the June meeting on June 24, 2009 at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro, Maine.

### **I. Roll Call:**

Present: Abby McCourt, Jim Foss, Hannah Kiernan, Charles LaVerdiere, Barry Stoodley, Patrick Walsh, Margaret Longworth, Paul Vestal, Doug Patrick, Jacinda Goodwin

Absent: Adam Royer, Christine Thibeault, Richard Brown, Ned Chester, Shelley Reed, Mark Boger, Barry Delong, Jamie Johnson, Phillipe McLoy, Breanne Petrini, Cathy Ashland, Carla Fearon, Nickole Demeritt, , Jim Morse, Dan Nichols, Dalene Dutton, Denise Giles, Joan McDonald

Guests: Becky Noreus, Theresa Hubley, Carmen Dorsey and Michael Rocque all from the Muskie School of Public Service; Christopher Northrop and Elizabeth Smith from UMaine Law School

Staff: Tim Piekart, Kathryn McGloin

### **II. Minutes:**

**Motion:** To approve May meeting minutes

**Moved:** Margaret Longworth/Jim Foss 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Action:** Approved

### **III Chair Report:**

Paul reported that the Juvenile Justice Summit Task Force meetings have been well attended. The task force plans to deliver the summit in December. He has spoken with Chief Justice Saufley regarding funding for the Summit in hopes of a wider solicitation for funding. The JJAG has promised \$40,000 for start up funds.

Paul asked Barry Stoodley, Associate Commissioner Division of Juvenile Services to report on the state of the Department of Corrections in the latest State budget shortfall. Barry reports that the Division has not suffered significant reductions since the last crisis. The Department has excellent support from the Legislature and the Governor. Community programs are intact however there are two fewer Juvenile Community Corrections Officers statewide. The juvenile facilities have one closed unit and the committed population has been redistributed.

As Joan McDonald, Chair of the Grants Committee, is in Hawaii Paul opened the grant award discussion. For the Delinquency Prevention RFP the grants committee recommended funding Broadreach Family and Community Services for their Youthlinks Lions Quest project in Rockland.

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**Motion:** To accept the recommendation of the Grants Committee

**Moved:** Margaret Longworth/Jim Foss 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Action:** Approved, Patrick Walsh abstained

For the Alternatives to Detention RFP the Grants Committee recommends making no award.

Members were provided with a matrix of the review results containing scores and reviewer comments. Barry asked if State statute and JJAG bylaws indicate that it is only JJAG members who make award decisions. Paul stated that this is so. Paul stated that the JJAG had two options the first would be to fund Learning Works contingent on changing the program through contracting or using the leftover funding to more fully support the third year of our current sub-grantees. Kathryn McGloin, JJ Specialist, stated that she didn't think the issues were such that might be corrected in a contract as they are not technical. Kathryn also stated that the reviewers did an excellent job in the review of these proposals.

There was discussion about future RFPs and requesting specific programs in specific areas rather than the broad requests of the past. Kathryn will work with the Grants Committee and others interested in the development of a new Request for Proposals.

**Motion:** To accept the recommendation of the Grants Committee and move the funds to support year three of the current subgrantees.

**Moved:** Margaret Longworth/Jim Foss 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Action:** Approved, Patrick Walsh abstained

Paul spoke about the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant and asked Kathryn to send the March 31, 2009 report to JJAG members.

The 2008 Native American Passthrough of \$15,000.00 has one request. The Penobscot Nation has written in application for the pass through funding. Early this year letters were sent to the Nation, the Passamaquoddy, the Maliseet and the Micmac Tribes. Each expressed an interest and Kathryn provided TA over the phone.

**Motion:** To award the Penobscot Nation the 2008 Formula Passthrough finding of \$15,000.

**Moved:** Margaret Longworth/Doug Patrick 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Discussion:** The proposal is quite vague and Kathryn is asked to tighten it up using the contracting process. She will meet with the players ASAP.

**Action:** Approved

Paul will be asking Senators Snowe and Collins to sign on to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Reauthorization. Both signed on to the bill in the last year.

#### **IV. Juvenile Justice Specialist Report**

Kathryn McGloin reports that Trekkers, Inc. has requested their contract begin October 1, 2009 rather than July 1. She reports that they are in the midst of a capital campaign and would like to start this new project when all the funds are in. This will not effect the JJAG funding. While this is leftover funding it is possible to move this small amount (\$29,517) without difficulty. Kathryn believes this is a great program for the JJAG.

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**Motion:** To change Trekkers, Inc. contract dates to October 1, 2009 to September 31, 2009.

**Moved:** Patrick Walsh/Margaret Longworth 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Action:** Approved

Kathryn reports that the 2009 funding has not been received. Leftover 2007 funds are being used. We do have the leeway to move small amounts of money from one line to another. This will keep us from having to return funding to OJJDP. These leftover funds are the result of subgrantees not using all their awards or the JJAG not using all funds in a particular program area.

**JJAG  
Budget Summary**

<b>STATE PROGRAM AREA</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009 (Not yet received)</b>
Planning and Administration	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000
State Advisory Group Allocation	\$11,678	\$30,000	\$30,000
American Indian Tribes Pass-through Amount	0	\$15,000	\$15,000
Compliance Monitoring	\$27,683	\$65,000	\$65,000
Delinquency Prevention	*\$16,857	**\$180,000	\$180,000
School Programs	0	**\$30,000	\$30,000
Disproportionate Minority Contact	0	\$80,000	\$80,000
Alternatives to Detention	*\$50,000	**\$30,000	\$30,000
Systems Improvement	0	***\$122,000	\$122,000
Totals	\$139,218	\$600,000	\$600,000

\*Funds not awarded (\$66,857)

\*\*Year three awards (with the 2007 \$66,857 all may be fully funded)

\*\*\*Collaborative Problem Solving

<b>Title V</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance	\$68,156.33	\$45,942	\$31,811.70	\$145,910.

There was discussion of Collaborative Problem Solving which is currently funded with Title V funds. The members expressed their continued interest in supporting CPS. Dr. Greene does not believe that having a third year in Sanford would be the best use of our money. His suggestion is to move into other schools, not necessarily communities. Kathryn reminded the JJAG of Dr. Greene's report that not all the principals in Sanford were as committed as others. He believes we would be better served by offering CPS to individual schools rather than school departments. Kathryn will meet with Dr. Greene to get more specifics.

**V. Compliance Monitor Report**

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Timothy Piekart reports that the 2008 Annual Report is complete. He and Kathryn developed a Policy and Procedure Manual for compliance Monitoring. Tim reports that we had 56 Jail Removal violations however we are able to claim the Rural Removal Exception and so only five were counted. The Oxford County Jail had four and the Aroostook County Jail had one.

Tim is developing a training around jail removal for all county jail personnel who deal with juveniles.

Tim reports that Aroostook has difficulty with Jail Removal as occasionally a judge is unable to hear a juvenile's case in the allowable time frame. The JJDP Act allows 6 hours before and six hours after a court appearance. If a juvenile is simply being processed and released they may be held for no longer than 6 six hours. The Aroostook County jail removal violations came about due to juveniles being held over the allowed hours. Judge LaVerdiere indicates that there are 36 judges in the state and that the courts are down four judges. This is causing delays. He suggested the future possibility of court appearances by video.

There is confusion at Oxford County Jail and Norway P.D. around whose responsibility it is to sit with a juvenile at the Jail while awaiting transport. It seems there is also confusion for the P.D. around when and if an intoxicated juvenile may be received by Long Creek Youth Development Center. Kathryn and Tim are investigating protocols for JCCOs, LCYDC, the PDs and the Jail.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

None however Patrick Walsh asked the JJAG to sign on to support Step Up for Kids. Kathryn will send the information electronically for a vote.

## **VII. Presentation:**

Becky Noreus, Theresa Hubley, Carmen Dorsey and Michael Rocque all from the Muskie School of Public Service and Christopher Northrop and Elizabeth Smith from UMaine Law School presented on the Disproportionate Minority Contact project. The slide presentation is attached.

The meeting adjourned at 14:40 A.M.

**The next meeting will be held at the Long Creek Youth Development Center on September 23, 2009.**